



FRENCH IMMERSION (FI) PROGRAM

AND LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

The French Immersion (FI) program is an optional, alternative second language program for English-speaking children that offers students the opportunity to learn French through other subject areas and to enhance their knowledge of the French language and culture in an immersive program.

Within the Elementary French Immersion (FI) Program, French must be the language of instruction for a minimum of 50 per cent of the total instruction time at every grade level and provide a minimum of 3800 hours of instruction in French by the end of Grade 8. The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board, FI students are taught Mathematics in English in Grades 1-8 and are exposed to French and English Language Arts instruction starting in Grade 1. Students enrolled in the FI Program in Grades 1 through 3, receive 55% of daily instruction in French and 45% of daily instruction in English. Students in Grades 4 through 8 receive 51% of daily instruction in French and 49% of daily instruction in English.

| Grade | Program Delivery of the Elementary French Immersion Program | |
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| Kindergarten | Students engage in inquiry and play-based learning in both English and French. Literacy and Numeracy instruction in French are integrated across the four frames of the Kindergarten Program. | |
| | Subjects in which French is the language of instruction | Subjects in which English is the language of instruction |
| Grades 1 to 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French • Social Studies • Science and Technology • Health and Physical Education • Drama and Dance • Visual Arts • Music | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious Education and Family Life • English Language Arts • Mathematics |
| Grades 7 to 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French • History • Geography • Science and Technology • Health and Physical Education • Drama and Dance • Visual Arts • Music | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious Education and Family Life • English Language Arts • Mathematics |